MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I mean the dissatisfaction among the staff.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member's knowledge of English is sufficiently extensive. You have worded the question properly.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the honourable member state whether the queue system adopted in the bus stand at Trivandrum is properly conducted?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Advocate-General*): Sir, I rise to a point of order.

PRESIDENT: The question does not arise.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunaga'li cum Karthikapalli*): Are the garages functioning properly?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I should like to know exactly what is meant by the word "properly."

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the members of the Transport Advisory Committee had, at any time, brought to the notice of the Director that there is discontent and dissatisfaction regarding the Transport Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I take it that the Director of Transport is not aware of the discontent in the country regarding the Transport Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I am not aware that there is discontent in the country on this score.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Director take it that he is not cognizant of the difficulties that the people are experiencing in Travancore?

MR. E. G. SALTER: May I, in turn, be permitted to ask one question, Sir? May I ask if the honourable member who put this question is expressing his personal views or those of the members of the constituency which he represents?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I do not think either the question or the answer is necessary.

Pensionable places in the State Transport Department.

145. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of pensionable places in the State Transport department in the higher, intermediate and lower Divisions respectively as classified under Public Service Recruitment Rules?

MR. E. G. SALTER:

Higher	2
Intermediate	116
Lower	23
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MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Are these appointments made on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

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MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether any appointment made in that Department is in the proportion of communal representation.

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: No appointment in the Transport Department has any bearing on communal representation.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Were these people recruited after any efficiency test?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No. May I explain for the benefit of the honourable member that when the Department was started, a few of the staff were taken from other Departments. The privileges in their original Departments are retained in the Transport Department.

Non-Travancoreans employed in the State Transport Department.

146. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the names, designation, qualifications and pay of non-Travancoreans, other than the Director of State Transport, employed in the State Transport Department on 1-9-1120?

MR. E. G. SALTER:

1.	N. Ramamurti, Superintendent of Road Transport.	B. Sc., Grad. T. A. E.	Rs. 500
2.	M. Sundaram, Engineer Assistant. (He has now left this service).	Bevin Training.	Rs. 200

Stock verification in the State Transport Department.

147. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether stock verification was undertaken by Government in the State Transport Department; if so, when and

(*b*) whether they would place on the table the report of the officer who conducted the stock verification?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) No; but stock verification by the departmental staff takes place annually.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government consider the advisability of having a verification done by outside Departmental agencies?

MR. E. G. SALTER: May I explain that the Transport Department is a commercial Department, and the accounts of the Department are prepared on a commercial basis and a profit and loss account, is submitted which practice is not followed by any other Government Department. I have never heard of the stock accounts of a commercial organisation being audited by any outside agency.

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